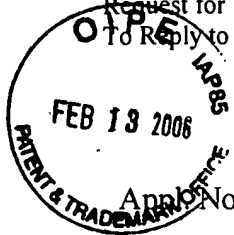


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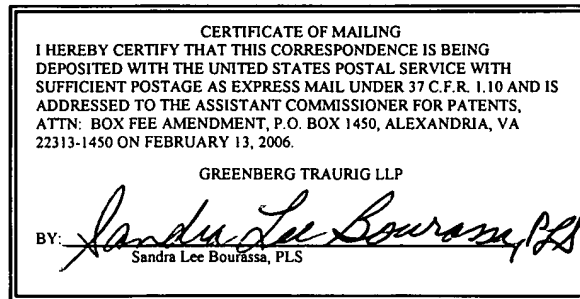
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant, through his attorneys, respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2005, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from November 11, 2005 to February 11, 2006.

Please consider this an authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 502775 in the amount of \$510.00 as payment for the extension fee for a small entity. If said amount is insufficient or is an overpayment of the fees due, please make up the insufficiency or credit Deposit Account No. 502775 as applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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